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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 29 November 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 9-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 29 November 2006 has been entered.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stephan A. Pendorf on Thursday, 01 February 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims:

(a) Claim 1, line 7, the character reference "the main cutting edge" has been changed to --a main cutting edge--.

(b) Claim 1, line 7, the character reference "the cutting position" has been changed to --a cutting position--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-6 and 9-14 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 10 are the independent claims.

4. Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious a tool head having (1) "the active main cutting edges of the indexable cutting plates are subdivided along

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their length into at least two cutting segments in alignment with each other, wherein the indexable cutting plates are provided with an imprint in the area of the main cutting edge marking the individual cutting segments and wherein, each imprinted cutting segment of each main cutting edge is associated with one of the plate receptacles" and (2) "each of the various plate receptacles corresponds to only one of the cutting segments of the indexable cutting plates effective with the associated adjustment angle relative to the base body axis", solely or in combination, with a tool head having a base body, a tool shank, at least two plate receptacles for receiving respectively one indexable cutting plate having a main cutting edge in the cutting position exhibiting different adjustment angles relative to the base body axis, and identical indexable cutting inserts are provided in the different plate receptacles.

Ueda et al. '284 is the closest art of record.

Ueda et al. '284 shows in Figures 1,2,4 and 16 a tool head having a body (1) with an axis (0), a shank (2) projecting axially beyond the base body and adapted for being coupled (9) to a rotating machine spindle (8), and at least two blade receptacles (col. 8, lines 16-18) spaced apart in the circumferential direction for receiving respectively one indexable cutting insert (5B,5C), such that a main cutting edge (5b,5c) in a cutting position exhibits different adjustment angles (Figs. 2,4 and col. 8, lines 37-42) relative to the base body axis. Ueda et al. '284 shows the indexable cutting inserts being identical in shape (triangular with rounded points) and provided in different blade receptacles (Fig. 2) with respective active cutting edges. Ueda et al. '284 shows the tool head mounted with a reamer in advance of the indexable cutting inserts and displaceable axially relative to the base body (col. 8, lines 32-36).

Ueda et al. '284 lacks a tool head having (1) "the active main cutting edges of the indexable cutting plates are subdivided along their length into at least two cutting segments in alignment with each other, wherein the indexable cutting plates are provided with an imprint in

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the area of the main cutting edge marking the individual cutting segments and wherein, each imprinted cutting segment of each main cutting edge is associated with one of the plate receptacles" and (2) "each of the various plate receptacles corresponds to only one of the cutting segments of the indexable cutting plates effective with the associated adjustment angle relative to the base body axis".

Although it is well known to have an indexable cutting insert with multiple cutting edges and to show indicia marking to identify the specific index locations of the cutting inserts in a receptacle/pocket on the tool body, there is no teaching in the prior art of record that would, reasonably and absent impermissible hindsight, motivate one having ordinary skill in the art to so modify the teachings of Ueda et al. '284, noting that in Ueda et al. '284, the indexable cutting insert (5B,5C) has a single main cutting edge without being subdivided along its length into at least two cutting segments and therefore, also lacks (a) an imprint marking the individual cutting segments of the main cutting edge being associated with one of the plate receptacles and (b) each of the various plate receptacles does not corresponds to only one of the cutting segments of the indexable cutting plates effective with the associated adjustment angle relative to the base body axis. Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor rendered obvious the present invention as set forth in independent claim 1.

5. Regarding claim 10, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious a tool head having (1) "the active main cutting edges of the indexable cutting plates are subdivided along their length into at least two non-overlapping cutting segments in alignment with each other," and (2) "each of the various plate receptacles corresponds to only one of the non-overlapping cutting segments of the indexable cutting plates effective with the associated adjustment angle relative to the base body axis", solely or in combination, with a tool head having a base body, a tool shank, at least two plate receptacles for receiving respectively one indexable cutting plate

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having a main cutting edge in the cutting position exhibiting different adjustment angles relative to the base body axis, and identical indexable cutting inserts are provided in the different plate receptacles.

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Ueda et al. '284 lacks a tool head having (1) "the active main cutting edges of the indexable cutting plates are subdivided along their length into at least two non-overlapping cutting segments in alignment with each other," and (2) "each of the various plate receptacles corresponds to only one of the non-overlapping cutting segments of the indexable cutting plates effective with the associated adjustment angle relative to the base body axis", solely or in combination, with a tool head having a base body, a tool shank, at least two plate receptacles for receiving respectively one indexable cutting plate having a main cutting edge in the cutting position exhibiting different adjustment angles relative to the base body axis, and identical indexable cutting inserts are provided in the different plate receptacles.

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Although it is well known to have an indexable cutting insert with multiple cutting edges, there is no teaching in the prior art of record that would, reasonably and absent impermissible hindsight, motivate one having ordinary skill in the art to so modify the teachings of Ueda et al. '284, noting that in Ueda et al. '284, the indexable cutting insert (5B,5C) has a single main cutting edge without being subdivided along its length into at least two non-overlapping cutting segments. Furthermore, each of the various plate receptacles does not corresponds to only one of the non-overlapping cutting segments of the indexable cutting plates effective with the associated adjustment angle relative to the base body axis. Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor rendered obvious the present invention as set forth in independent claim 10.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning the content of this communication from the examiner should be directed to Michael W. Talbot, whose telephone number is 571-272-4481. The examiner's office hours are typically 8:30am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Monica S. Carter, may be reached at 571-272-4475.

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